

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of SAN GABRIEL VALLEY WATER COMPANY (U337W) for Authority to Increase Rates Charged for Water Service in its Fontana Water Company Division to increase revenues by \$11,573,200 or 39.1% in 2003, \$3,078,400 or 7.3% in 2004, \$3,078,400 or 6.8% in 2005, and \$3,079,900 or 6.4% in 2006.

Application 02-11-044
(Filed November 25, 2002)

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE'S RULING SETTING PUBLIC PARTICIPATION HEARINGS AND REQUIRING CUSTOMER NOTICE AND NOTICE OF PREHEARING CONFERENCE

In this proceeding, San Gabriel Valley Water Company (San Gabriel) requests authority to increase rates charged for water service in its Fontana Water Company Division. The requested increases are for the years 2003, 2004, 2005, and 2006. By this ruling we set a Public Participation Hearing and a Prehearing Conference.

I. Public Participation Hearing

As part of this proceeding, we are scheduling a Public Participation Hearing. At the Public Participation Hearing, interested members of the public may make their views known to the Commission on the issues to be addressed in this proceeding. The Public Participation Hearing in this proceeding is set for the following date and location.

Date	Address
May 5, 2003, at 4 p.m.	Sons of Italy Lodge Hall 9420 Sierra Avenue Fontana, California

Comments at the Public Participation Hearing may address issues related to San Gabriel's request for authority to increase rates charged for water service in its Fontana Water Company Division.

San Gabriel is directed to coordinate with the Commission's Public Advisor's Office regarding the preparation and content of bill inserts providing notice of the Public Participation Hearing.

San Gabriel is required to provide timely notice to its customers of the Public Participation Hearing. It shall send written notices, in a form approved by the Public Advisor's Office, either by including them with customers' regular bills, or by mailing them postage prepaid directly to customers. To the extent that any customers are billed electronically via the Internet, notice to those customers may also be done electronically.

Anyone who needs assistance with participation in this proceeding should make use of the resources of the Commission's web site, www.cpuc.ca.gov, or should contact our Public Advisor's Office, which is available to help parties understand how to participate in a proceeding, how to file a pleading, and to answer other questions about Commission procedure. The northern California office can be reached at 415-703-2074 or public.advisor@cpuc.ca.gov. The southern California office can be reached at 213-576-7055 or public.advisor@cpuc.ca.gov.

II. Prehearing Conference

Notice is hereby given that the Public Utilities Commission of the State of California has set a prehearing conference (PHC) in the above-entitled matter before Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) Kathleen C. Maloney, for May 5, 2003, at 1 p.m., at Sons of Italy Lodge Hall, 9420 Sierra Avenue, Fontana, California.

A PHC is called to determine the parties, positions of the parties, issues, and other procedural matters.

The parties are each directed to file a PHC statement to be served on the Assigned Commissioner, ALJ Maloney, and all parties. The PHC statements shall be filed and served no later than April 30, 2003. Service on ALJ Maloney shall be made by e-mail to kcm@cpuc.ca.gov, and by mail to the offices of the Commission.

The parties are directed to meet and confer regarding the issues listed below, and to address the following in their PHC statements:

1. The status of discovery and estimates of time required to complete discovery.
2. The status of settlement discussions if any have occurred, and identification of issues that may potentially be resolved through settlement.
3. Whether evidentiary hearings are required in this proceeding.
4. The parties shall jointly develop a proposed schedule for hearings if either party believes that hearings are necessary. The schedule developed by the parties shall provide sufficient time for the completion of discovery and settlement meetings prior to the commencement of evidentiary hearings. In developing a proposed schedule for hearings, the parties shall follow the time guidelines in the Rate Case Plan set forth in Decision 90-08-045.
5. The parties shall identify any reasons why evidentiary hearings should not be conducted in San Francisco rather than Southern California.

Parties desiring expedited or daily transcripts should advise the Chief Hearing Reporter by telephone at (415) 703-2288, no later than three days prior to the first day of hearing.

If you have questions about the hearing date, time, or place, call the Calendar Clerk at (415) 703-1203.

IT IS RULED that:

1. A Public Participation Hearing will be held on the date and at the location and time described above.

2. San Gabriel Valley Water Company will provide a company representative at the Public Participation Hearing, to be available to address any comments or concerns expressed by attendees.

3. San Gabriel Valley Water Company will provide notice to its customers not less than ten (10) days prior to the Public Participation Hearing. Notices shall be provided either as an insert with a regular bill or may be mailed separately if necessary to reach customers at least ten days before the Public Participation Hearing.

4. San Gabriel Valley Water Company will provide to the Public Advisor's Office not later than five (5) days prior to the Public Participation Hearing, a letter certifying that it has complied with the requirement of Ruling Paragraph 3 above. The compliance letter shall state the date(s) notices were sent to customers and the approximate number of customers so notified. One copy of the actual notice used shall be attached.

5. A prehearing conference (PHC) will be held on the date, time, and place indicated herein.

6. Prior to the PHC, the parties shall meet and confer as directed above.

7. PHC statements addressing the issues outlined in the body of this ruling shall be filed and served, and copies shall be delivered to the assigned Administrative Law Judge in the manner directed in this ruling.

8. The parties are directed to be prepared at the PHC to discuss the scheduling of evidentiary hearings.

Dated April 11, 2003, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ STEVEN KOTZ for

Kathleen Maloney
Administrative Law Judge

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that I have by mail, and by electronic mail, to the parties to which an electronic mail address has been provided, this day served a true copy of the original attached Administrative Law Judge's Ruling Setting Public Participation Hearings and Requiring Customer Notice and Notice of Prehearing Conference on all parties of record in this proceeding or their attorneys of record.

Dated April 11, 2003, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ KE HUANG

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N O T I C E

Parties should notify the Process Office, Public Utilities Commission, 505 Van Ness Avenue, Room 2000, San Francisco, CA 94102, of any change of address to ensure that they continue to receive documents. You must indicate the proceeding number on the service list on which your name appears.

The Commission's policy is to schedule hearings (meetings, workshops, etc.) in locations that are accessible to people with disabilities. To verify that a particular location is accessible, call: Calendar Clerk (415) 703-1203.

If specialized accommodations for the disabled are needed, e.g., sign language interpreters, those making the arrangements must call the Public Advisor at (415) 703-2074, TTY 1-866-836-7825 or (415) 703-5282 at least three working days in advance of the event.